



## **2 SCR Information Paper on your PCS Move to Germany and assignment to 2D Stryker Cavalry Regiment**

- Visit our official 2 SCR website at [www.2scr.army.mil](http://www.2scr.army.mil) for unit information
- Visit the sponsorship link located on the 2 SCR website above for sponsorship related information.
- To Request a Sponsor and or a “Hard Copy” Welcome Packet (Follow steps 1-5 below).

1. Visit the USAREUR Sponsorship site (S-Gate) at <https://www.updb.hqusareur.army.mil/portal/default.asp>
2. Log in using your AKO User Name and AKO Password.
3. Enter Identifying Information (SSN/Birth date/and primary MOS).
4. Click on (Inbound Pinpoint Assignment and Sponsor Info).
5. Fill out the required Information and you will see your projected unit, Sponsor’s name, and his or her contact information (Name, Rank, e-mail and telephone number).
6. Enclosed in your “Mail-Out” Welcome Packet is the **Army in Europe Pamphlet (AE PAM) 600-8-8-1**, a useful guide and reference on Living in Europe. You should read this pamphlet and bring it with you because it is the best single source guide to your new life in Europe.

- **If shipping a pet, it’s important to start the process immediately.**

First and foremost shipping a pet is your responsibility. There is minimal reimbursement for pet expenses, including cages, the cost of shipping your pet, quarantine of your pet and/or kenneling. With the tightening of Federal Aviation Administration rules regarding U.S. flights, shipping a pet from CONUS onboard a commercial airline may be more costly and cumbersome. Your first point of contact is your local transportation office. It can help you make the appropriate reservations for air transport, as well as kenneling once you arrive. Your sponsor can also help make arrangements for shipment. Once you receive your orders, you should plan immediately for shipping your pet. Make your pet's flight reservations early. Check that your airline of choice will accept pets on the day and flight that you prefer and verify its regulations regarding shipping a pet in the cabin or as cargo. Keep in mind that some airlines have changed their policies so that pets must be handled by designated known shippers or FAA registered indirect carriers.

Most overseas locations require your pet to satisfy certain vaccination or quarantine requirements before they are transported. For instance, be sure that your pet does not make a stop in the United Kingdom because strict quarantine requirements may be imposed there. However, the U.S. changed its quarantine restrictions for select service members in 2000. Although there is no quarantine in Germany, you must bring a health certificate for your pet, translated into German. The health certificate must be completed and signed within 10 days of arrival. You must provide proof that your pet has received a rabies vaccination that is at least 30 days old, but no more than 12 months old and the pet must have an ISO microchip. If you are planning on bringing more than three pets to Germany, you'll be required to obtain an import permit before you arrive. Your sponsor can request a permit on your behalf and have it delivered to you.

Germany recently passed a Dangerous Dog Ordinance (DDO) which places restrictions on ownership of certain breeds of dogs. Although the restricted breeds vary from German state to state, there are certain breeds classified as dangerous. These are: American pit bull terriers, American Staffordshire bull terriers/American Stafford terriers, Staffordshire bull terriers and mixes involving these breeds. Military personnel who own a dog that fits the DDO criteria will have to register their dog with local German authorities. The authorities will mark the dog with a tattoo or microchip, and the owner will have to muzzle and keep the dog on a leash in public. However, owners can opt to have their dog's temperament evaluated. If the dog passes the temperament test, they will not be required to wear a muzzle. If the dog does not pass the test performed by a German Police Dog Handler and federal veterinarian, German officials will determine what measures should be taken. At best, such dogs will still have to be muzzled and leashed in public. For particularly aggressive dogs, the officials could impound, neuter or destroy the dog or require the owner to obtain liability insurance.

- Contact your local transportation to ship your POV as soon as possible, rental cars are expensive and you must have a USAREUR license prior to renting a vehicle. In addition, you need a stateside license to obtain a USAREUR Driver's License.

## - **WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO GERMANY AND WHAT TO STORE?**

Dishwashers -- Store your dishwasher. Machines built for the German electrical current are available through the Quartermaster issue/Vilseck Housing Office. If you decide to purchase a dishwasher, you can purchase one at the PX or local economy.

Washers/Dryers and Refrigerators-- **DO NOT BRING THEM TO GERMANY.** Washers, dryers and refrigerators built for the German electrical current are available through the Quartermaster issue/Vilseck Housing Office.

Curtains -- An explanation may help you decide for yourself. Some German curtains and drapes are hung from the ceiling, not from the wall. German curtains are therefore longer than average American curtains. American curtains can be easily adapted for use by sewing a special hanging tape to the upper edge of the curtains. The only difference then is that the floor-length American drapes (about 80 inches) will be approximately a foot off the floor as German curtains are about 92 inches. By the way, twin or double bed sheets that are made into curtains, flat not fitted, will be the perfect lengths. The Germans have beautiful sheers that can be purchased in all price categories.

Rugs -- You may want to bring your own. In addition, the Housing/Quartermaster issue is limited to two room sized rugs. You can buy beautiful area rugs over here, German, Turkish, or Belgium, and the prices on some of them are more than reasonable.

Beds -- Double beds are scarce and smaller than the American-style double beds so bring your own. If you are 6ft. tall, you might hang over the end of Quartermaster/Housing beds. Cribs are not available through Quartermaster/Housing, but may be purchased from the PX or Thrift Shop.

Small appliances -- Many people store their 110-volt appliances and buy 220-volts appliances when they arrive here. Other people use their 110-volt appliances with transformers when only 220V is available. Be advised that Government Controlled Quarters and Government Leased Quarters have both 110 and 220 current, which allows the use of all U.S. Appliances. However, private leased quarters only have 220 current. Check the thrift store for used transforms which are sometimes 50-75% off the cost of new transformers at the PX.

Clock radios -- Your US clock radio will work with a transformer. However, the clock part will lose 10 minutes per hour because German electricity is 50 instead of 60 cycles per minute. Of course, battery operated clocks and radios are fine.

Storage space items -- Bring any metals shelves, bookcases, chests, or hanging racks that you think you might need. There are no built in closets in private rental housing and limited closet space is some Government lease housing so you may have to store clothing items on shelves and plastic type clothing hangers.

Unique items -- Any items that make your home your home will help you and your family adjust to your new surroundings. Pictures, knick-knacks and other items make your home unique. Since all of us depend on Quartermaster/Housing furniture to some extent, our furnishings are very similar. You will probably want to bring small items, which give your home a distinctive look.

Clothes -- Germany's weather is constantly changing, temperatures in the summer are 60-85 degrees and the nights are cool. Winter temperatures can be around freezing and lower. There is lots of snow and ice most winters. We also get our fair share of rain, but you learn to keep going no matter what the weather is.

Over the counter drug items -- Specific brands of contact lens cleaner can be difficult to obtain. Make sure that you have some method of ordering or obtaining hard-to-get products from the States. In addition, your favorite cosmetics, perfumes, cologne, etc., may not be available here. Occasionally, you can find some of the name brands on the economy, at a lower cost.

Furniture -- Temporary housing furniture can be issued to you (free of charge) until your furniture and household goods arrive to Germany. This program is not available in the US but it is a service provided by USAREUR.

Televisions -- U.S. TV sets can be used with a transformer. U.S. TV sets will receive Armed Forces Network TV (AFN TV); AFN TV is receivable if you live in a government housing area. If you live off-post, you will need to purchase or rent the AFN satellite system from the PX. This is a different system than any other satellite system. U.S. TV sets will also receive American cable service (10 channels), which is available only in government housing. U.S. TV sets will not receive German broadcast or cable channels. Multi-system televisions, which receive both American and German programming

- **REMEMBER TO HAND CARRY MEDICAL RECORDS AND SCHOOL RECORDS....DO NOT PACK THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS.**
- **Shipping your Goods to Germany**

Immediately upon receiving your orders for a permanent change of station (PCS Orders), take those orders to the Installation Transportation Management Office (TMO), Outbound Properties Section. They will brief you on your entitlements, assist you with completing the required paperwork, and arrange for a day for the shippers/packers to pick up your stuff.

### **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE CHART FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Without Dependents</b>	<b>Permanent Change of Station (PCS) With Dependents</b>
O-5	16,000	17,500
O-4/W-4	14,000	17,000
O-3/W-3	13,000	14,500
O-2/W-2	12,500	13,500
O-1/W-1	10,000	12,000
E-9	12,000	14,500
E-8	11,000	13,500

E-7	10,500	12,500
E-6	8,000	11,000
E-5	7,000	9,000
E-4	7,000	8,000
E-3 and Below	5,000	8,000

### **Shipment of Household Goods vs Unaccompanied Baggage**

Unaccompanied Baggage is a portion of your possessions that you may need to use immediately upon or soon after you arrive to Germany. Unaccompanied baggage is also known as “Hold Baggage” your Unaccompanied baggage may include but is not limited to clothing, uniforms, kitchen supply and equipment, portable electronics: computers, TV radio etc, portable cribs golf, fishing equipment and more. Unaccompanied baggage may not include large, heavy bulky items such as chairs, tables, cabinets, beds, mattresses, dressers, etc.-These are your Household Goods. Your unaccompanied baggage will arrive before or soon after your arrival to Germany depending on when it was shipped from your last duty station. Soldiers are authorized to ship a few hundred to at least 1,000 pounds of unaccompanied baggage depending on the rank and total number of dependants. You can also mail your unaccompanied baggage via the US Postal System so that it can be at the Post Office waiting for your arrival. Just remember to save your receipts in order to be reimbursed for the expense and finally, check with your Transportation office for the total number of pounds you are authorized to mail.

- **List of useful Items to ship in your Unaccompanied Baggage**

- Small Television
- Pots/Pans/Dishes
- Portable Crib
- Silver Ware
- Bed Linen and Blankets
- Pillows
- Kitchen Utensils
- Bath Mat
- Small Microwave
- Trash Can
- Uniforms
- Clothing/Shoes, etc
- Computer
- Game System/Toys for the Kids
- Medication

## WEIGHT ALLOWANCE CHART FOR UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

ENLISTED SOLDIERS	500 LBS
OFFICERS	600 LBS
ALL DEPENDANTS 12 AND OVER	350 LBS MAX (NOT 350 POUNDS PER PERSON)
DEPENDENTS UNDER 12	175 LBS MAX (NOT 175 POUNDS PER CHILD)
*FOR A SGT with a spouse and 2 year old child, total weight is (500lbs+350lbs+175lbs= <b>1,025 lbs</b> )	

- **REMEMBER TO HAND CARRY MEDICAL RECORDS AND SCHOOL RECORDS....DO NOT PACK THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS.**
- **Sample in-processing Schedule**

### DAY ONE

TIME	CLASS	AGENCY	UNIFORM	LOCATION
0800-0810	RED CROSS	RED CROSS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
0810-0830	SLO/CYS	SLO	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
0830-0855	CUSTOMS	US CUSTOMS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
0900-0950	AFTB/ACS PROGRAMS	ACS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1000-1025	DPW BRIEF	DPW	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1030-1050	LEGAL	JAG	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1100-1130	ASAP	ASAP OFFICE	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1130-1255	LUNCH			DFAC
1300-1325	PMO	DES	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1330-1350	HEALTH/OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY	HEALTH PROGRAMS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1400-1415	LEGAL (Claims)	JAG	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1420-1445	EDUCATION	ED CENTER	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1455-1530	SAPRP (sexual assault prevention)	ACS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1535-1550	COMMUNITY BANK	BANK	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1555-1605	SERVICE CR UNION	CREDIT UNION	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1610-1630	CHAPLAIN	CHAPLAIN OFFICE	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1630	RELEASED FOR THE DAY			

### DAY TWO

0800-1130	CIF ISSUE	DOL	DUTY	BLDG 102
1130-1250	LUNCH			
1300-1700	FINANCE PLANNING I	ACS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1705	RELEASED FOR THE DAY			

### DAY THREE

0800-0840	FORCE PROTECTION	DPTMS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
0845-0900	OPSEC	DPTMS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
0900-0925	SAEDA	MI	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
0930-1000	SAFETY	USAG	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1005-1025	FIRE SAFETY	FIRE MARSHALL	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1030-1130	EO/SEXUAL HARASSMENT	EOA	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1130-1255	LUNCH	DFAC		
1300-UTC	MEDICAL/DENTAL IN-PROCESS	MEDICAL/DENTAL	DUTY	GRAF/VILSECK
TBD	RELEASED FOR THE DAY			

### DAY FOUR

0745-1200	DRIVER ORIENTATION/DVR TEST	DOL	DUTY	BLDG 151
1200-1255	LUNCH			

#### SOLDIERS 18 TO 26 YEARS OLD MUST ATTEND INTERMEDIATE DRIVER'S TRAINING

1300-1520 I	INTERMEDIATE DRIVER'S TRNG	USAG SAFETY	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1530-1700	SUPERVISORS DRIVER'S TRNG	USAG SAFETY	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101

#### 1ST & 3RD WED OF THE MONTH

1530-1630	ADVANCED DRIVER'S TRNG	USAG SAFETY	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
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#### 2ND & 4TH WED OF THE MONTH

TBD	RELEASED FOR THE DAY			
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### DAY FIVE

0800-1200	FINANCIAL PLANNING 2	ACS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
<b>(For First Term Enlisted Soldiers Only)</b>				
1200-1300	LUNCH			DFAC
1300-1355	STD's	HEALTH NURSE	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1400-1425	RETENTION	RETENTION OFFICE	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1430-1500	DRUG & RAPE PREVENTION	CID	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1510-1530	MWR/BOSS	MWR	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1535-1605	FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM	MACS	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1605-1625	WEEKEND SAFETY BRIEF	ITC	DUTY	BLDG 166, RM 101
1630	RELEASED FOR THE DAY			

WEEK TWO OF IN-PROCESSING IS GERMAN HEADSTART (SPOUSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND)

**DAY ONE TO DAY FIVE (WEEK TWO)**

0800-1200	GERMAN LANG/CUSTOMS	GERMAN TEACHERDUTY	GRAFENWOEHR
1200-1300	LUNCH		
1300-1700	GERMAN LANG/CUSTOMS	GERMAN TEACHERDUTY	GRAFENWOEHR
1700	END OF IN-PROCESSING		

- **What to Bring on day one of in-processing**

YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ON DAY ONE OF IN-PROCESSING.

- ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS
- DA 31 (LEAVE FORM)
- PLANE TICKETS/TRAVEL ENVELOPE FROM FINANCE
- POV SHIPMENT DOCUMENT
- QUARTERS TERMINATION MEMO
- VOIDED BANK CHECK, LES, DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM
- BRING FAMILY MEMBER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (FOR TRICARE ENROLLMENT)
- BRING THE ADDRESS OF YOUR QUARTERS OR BARRACKS
- BRING THE MILITARY PERSONNEL FILE DOCUMENTS (WITH DD93/SGLV, ETC)
- ALL TRAVEL RELATED RECEIPTS FOR FINANCE IN-PROCESSING.

DUTY UNIFORM: ACU

IMPORTANT NOTE: HAND CARRY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL RECORDS AND ALL MEDICAL RECORDS WITH YOU ON THE AIRPLANE. DO NOT PACK THESE ITEMS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

- **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS**

Vilseck is a small community and jobs are limited in the area. However, there are jobs opportunities in child care and MWR. In addition, there are tremendous volunteer opportunities in the community. Contact the US Army Civilian Personnel On line (CPOL) link at <http://www.cpol.army.mil> for information on employment opportunities in the Vilseck and Grafenwoher community.